

AMENDMENT TO CLAIMS

Claims Listing

1-18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A cleaning product for use with a cleaning applicator such as a rag, a sponge, a string mop, a sponge mop, a squeegee, and various other applicators, the product comprising:

a waste receptacle for holding a discarded fluid separated from the applicator;

a fluid reservoir for holding a clean fluid;

an applicator bath for holding a rinse fluid for transferring to the applicator by rinsing,

the bath having a fill mode and an empty mode;

the bath in use in the fill mode holding the rinse fluid for rinsing the applicator;

the bath in use in the empty mode discarding the rinse fluid to the waste receptacle;

the bath being switchable between the fill mode and the empty mode as needed to control contamination of the rinse fluid;

a fluid dispenser for dispensing the clean fluid from the reservoir to the bath;

the dispenser being fluid-wise connected to the reservoir;

the dispenser in use dispensing the clean fluid from the reservoir to the bath as needed to maintain the rinse fluid in the bath within a predetermined volumetric range; and

the product, in use being configured so that the fluid separated from the applicator can be discarded directly to the waste receptacle without passing the fluid through the applicator bath and without disconnecting the reservoir from the dispenser.

20. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **19** wherein the fluid dispenser further comprises a barrier for isolating the clean fluid in the reservoir from the rinse fluid in the bath when the clean fluid is not dispensing to the bath.

21. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **19** further comprising:

an actuator for switching the applicator bath between the fill mode and the empty mode.

22. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **19** wherein the applicator bath switches between the fill mode and the empty mode by rotating.

23. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **19** wherein the fluid reservoir in use is positioned above the waste receptacle and the applicator bath in use is positioned between the fluid reservoir and the waste receptacle.

24. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **23** wherein the waste receptacle in use supports the fluid reservoir and the applicator bath.

25. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **24** wherein the applicator bath is pivotally connected to the waste receptacle and wherein the applicator bath switches between the fill mode and the empty mode by rotating.

26. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **21** wherein the actuator is foot-operable.

27. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **21** wherein the actuator is hand-operable.

28. (currently amended) ~~The cleaning product of claim **19** wherein the fluid dispenser further comprises:~~

A cleaning product for use with a cleaning applicator such as a rag, a sponge, a string mop, a sponge mop, a squeegee, and various other applicators, the product comprising:

a waste receptacle for holding a discarded fluid separated from the applicator;

a fluid reservoir for holding a clean fluid;

an applicator bath for holding a rinse fluid for transferring to the applicator by rinsing,

the bath having a fill mode and an empty mode;

the bath in use in the fill mode holding the rinse fluid for rinsing the applicator;

the bath in use in the empty mode discarding the rinse fluid to the waste receptacle;

the bath being switchable between the fill mode and the empty mode as needed to control contamination of the rinse fluid;

a fluid dispenser being fluid-wise connected to the reservoir;

the fluid dispenser comprising:

a valve,

the valve in use sensing when the applicator bath is in the fill mode;

the valve in use sensing when the applicator bath is in the empty mode;

the valve in use when the applicator bath is in the fill mode

causing the fluid dispenser to dispense clean fluid to the applicator bath as needed to maintain the rinse fluid in the applicator bath within a predetermined volumetric range;
and

the valve in use when the applicator bath is in the empty mode causing the fluid dispenser to stop dispensing fluid to the applicator bath; and

the product in use being configured so that the fluid separated from the applicator can be discarded directly to the waste receptacle without passing through the applicator bath.

29. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **28** wherein the fluid dispenser further comprises a barrier for isolating the clean fluid in the reservoir from the rinse fluid in the bath when the clean fluid is not dispensing to the bath.

30. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **28** further comprising an actuator for switching the applicator bath between the fill mode and the empty mode.

31. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **28** wherein the applicator bath switches between the fill mode and the empty mode by rotating.

32. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **28** wherein the fluid reservoir in use is positioned above the waste receptacle and the

applicator bath in use is positioned between the fluid reservoir and the waste receptacle.

33. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **32** wherein the waste receptacle in use supports the fluid reservoir and the applicator bath.

34. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **32** wherein the applicator bath is pivotally connected to the waste receptacle and wherein the applicator bath switches between the fill mode and the empty mode by rotating.

35. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **30** wherein the actuator is foot-operable.

36. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **30** wherein the actuator is hand-operable.

37. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **19** wherein the reservoir is a closed-top reservoir.

38. (previously submitted) The cleaning product of claim **28** wherein the reservoir is a closed-top reservoir.